



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

APPLICANT: Vincent E. Bryan et al CASE NO.: P98,0774  
SERIAL NO: 08/944,234 GROUP ART UNIT: 3309  
FILED: October 6, 1997 EXAMINER: G. Tucker  
INVENTION: "DRILL HEAD FOR USE IN PLACING AN INTERVERTEBRAL  
DISC DEVICE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 2, 1998 for two months so that the period for response is extended to September 2, 1998. A check in the amount of \$200.00 is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 08-2290. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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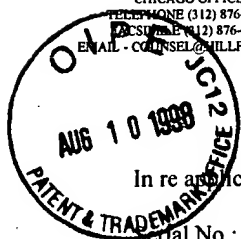
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In re application of: Vincent E. Bryan et al DOCKET NO.: P98,0774  
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## AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231  
SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	17	MINUS	18	X	( ) X 11.00 ( ) X 22.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	2	X	( ) X 41.00 ( ) X 82.00	\$0.00
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00	

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☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 08-2290. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-0200.

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August 6, 1998

DATE